

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 6 (a), 6 (b) and 6 (c) are cross-sectional views of a line illuminating device according to a third embodiment of the present invention; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 7 (a) and 7 (b) are perspective views of the line illuminating device according to the third embodiment of the present invention; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 8 (a), 8 (b) and 8 (c) are cross-sectional views of a line illuminating device according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 9 (a), 9 (b) and 9 (c) are cross-sectional views of a line illuminating device according to a fifth embodiment of the present invention; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 12 (a), 12 (b) and 12 (c) are views showing an arrangement of light-scattering patterns and distribution of light intensity in the line illuminating device according to the sixth embodiment of the present invention; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph: